

REMARKS

At the outset applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 9-13 and for indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 14. Claims 7 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form and are believed now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 as anticipated by Kuznetsov. It is believed that these rejections are inapplicable to the claims as amended.

Claim 1 has been amended to make clear that the actuator is coupled to a curved mirror to tilt the curved mirror. It is submitted that the claim, as amended, now clearly distinguishes from Kuznetsov where the actuator acts only to curve the mirror rather than to tilt an already curved mirror. Claims 2 and 3, which depend on claim 1, now distinguish from Kuznetsov for the same reasons. Accordingly claims 1-3 are now believed allowable.

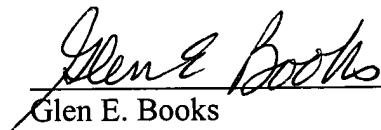
Claims 4-6 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 as obvious in view of Kuznetsov. These rejections are also believed inapplicable in view of the amendments to claim 1.

It is well established that for a prior patent to make obvious a claimed invention, the patent must teach or suggest each and every limitation of the claim. In the present case, claim 1, upon which each of claims 4-6 and 8 depends, calls for an actuator to tilt a curved microscale mirror. Kuznetsov, as discussed above, uses an actuator only to change the curvature of a mirror and is devoid of any teaching or suggestion as to how an

already curved mirror should or could be tilted. Accordingly claims 4-6 and 8 patentably distinguish from Kuznetsov and are allowable.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14 now patentably distinguish from all cited art. Accordingly this application now fully complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. Sections 102 and 103 and is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action in this regard are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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